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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The citizens of Corpus Christi have reason to be particularly proud and grateful to the senior member of the Corpus Christi delegation, the Honorable L. DeWitt Hale, who began his service in the Texas House of Representatives of the 46th Legislature in 1939; and

WHEREAS, With his election to the House in 1938, Representative Hale became the youngest member of the 46th Legislature; nevertheless, his outstanding ability was soon recognized and he was appointed to membership on the important Interim Committee to Revise the Rules of the House of Representatives; he is credited with the authorship of the Rules adopted by the 47th Legislature which, with subsequent revisions and amendments, provide the basic Rules under which the Texas House of Representatives now operates; and

WHEREAS, During his entire service as a Member of the Texas Legislature, a period spanning 32 years during which he served a total of ten terms, Representative Hale has been an acknowledged leader: he has served several terms on the powerful House standing committees on Rules and Judiciary as chairman, and as vice-chairman or a member of important committees on Liquor Regulation, Penitentiaries, Public Education, and Public Lands and Buildings; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hale is also noted for his work as vice-chairman of the well-known Hale-Aikin Committee for the Study of Public Schools of the 55th Legislature, a committee credited with much of the great progress in our present Texas public school system; he has been a member of the Texas Legislative Council; he was ~~President~~ Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives of the 57th Legislature; and

WHEREAS, As a youngster, DeWitt Hale showed the promise that was to see fruition in his legislative service: he won county and district championships in extemporaneous speech in 1933 and 1934, advancing to semi-finals in State in 1933 and placing third in 1934; he was graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1940, with honors, and was a Varsity Debater, serving as president of the Rusk Literary Society; and

WHEREAS, L. DeWitt Hale was born on June 10, 1917, in Caddo Mills, Hunt County, Texas, but moved with his family to Farmersville, Collin County, in 1918; he attended elementary and high school in Farmersville, and was graduated as salutatorian in 1934; and

WHEREAS, He entered military service in October, 1943, as Private and was discharged from the United States Air Force in July 1946, with the rank of First Lieutenant; he was assigned as a part of the original cadre to activate the Strategic Air Command and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal; at present he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve, and he was formerly personnel officer of the 9812th Air Reserve Squadron in Corpus Christi; and

1 WHEREAS, After his discharge from the Air Force, he was
2 married on June 8, 1947, to the lovely Carol Gene Moore of Celina,
3 Collin County; the Hales have two daughters, Janet Sue, age 17,
4 and Nancy Carol, age 9; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Hale, an attorney, was admitted to
6 practice law by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1940; he is also
7 licensed to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission,
8 the Federal Communications Commission, the United States Court
9 of Claims, the Tax Court of the United States, the Court of
10 Customs and Patent Appeals, the Supreme Court of the United
11 States, and the South Texas, North Texas, and West Texas districts
12 of the United States District Court; and

13 WHEREAS, He is a member of the American Bar Association,
14 the State Bar of Texas, and the Nueces County Bar Association; he
15 belongs to Post 248, the American Legion, and is a member of and
16 active in the Corpus Christi Junior and Senior Chambers of Com-
17 merce, the Young Democratic Club of Nueces County, the Reserve
18 Officers Association, the Longhorn Club, the Ex-Students Associa-
19 tion of The University of Texas, the Texas State Teachers Associa-
20 tion, the Corpus Christi Lions Club and the League of United
21 Latin American Citizens (honorary); he is listed in Who's Who in
22 the South & Southwest, Who's Who in American Politics, Who's Who
23 in Texas Today, Community Leaders of America, and the Dictionary
24 of International Biography; and

25 WHEREAS, A resume of Representative Hale's accomplishments
26 would not be complete without mention of his role in the Legisla-
27 tive Reorganization Act of 1961, which he sponsored; the Act and
28 the revision of the Rules of Procedure in that year have effec-
29 tively improved the efficiency of the Texas Legislature, placing
30 its operations on a continuing basis; and

31 WHEREAS, The many citations listed in this Resolution
32 barely skim the surface of this dedicated legislative leader's
33 many activities for the benefit of his state and his community,
34 and it has been a great pleasure to all Members of the Texas
35 House of Representatives to learn that the Honorable L. DeWitt
36 Hale will be honored by his fellow citizens in the 45th Repre-
37 sentative District and the entire Corpus Christi area with a
38 testimonial dinner; now, therefore, be it

39 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 62nd Leg-
40 islature, First Called Session, hereby congratulate the
41 Honorable L. DeWitt Hale for the well-deserved recognition he is
42 receiving from constituents, business and civic leaders in the
43 Corpus Christi area, and that on behalf of the House he be com-
44 mended for all that he has contributed to the betterment of his
45 State; and, be it further

46 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
47 Representative Hale as an expression from the Texas House of
48 Representatives of deep appreciation to him for his exceptional
49 ability and dedication to the cause of good government as
50 demonstrated so frequently during his long service in the Texas
51 House of Representatives.

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Add names of all members

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Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

congratulating the Honorable L. DeWitt Hale on being honored with a testimonial dinner by his fellow citizens in the 45th Representative District and the entire Corpus Christi area.

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READ AND ADOPTED

Joseph J. Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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